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As a concerned US Citizen and computer user, I am OPPOSED to the Proposed Final Judgment.

Microsoft has been clearly found guilty of monopolistic practices. However, the PFJ does not impose penalties upon Microsoft for the illegal gains it has obtained. The PFJ takes inadequate steps to restrain Microsoft from the same or similar monopolistic practices. And the PFJ, which expires after only a few years, does nothing to restrain Microsoft from the same monopolistic practices in the future.

The Department of Justice was mistaken to either propose or accept an offer of settlement with Microsoft. The PFJ must be discarded, and adequate measures crafted to penalize Microsoft for their illegal gains and restrain their monopolistic practices. As a minimum, I advocate the breakup of Microsoft into an Operating Systems division, an Applications division, and possibly an "Other" division. In addition, I advocate that Microsoft be required to open ALL its APIs and file formats, allowing genuine competition and innovation.

I am a co-signer of the Dan Kegel petition.

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